



"IN FREEDOM'S CAUSE."

## Evening Telegram

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Friday, December 2, 1921.

## OUR POSITION.

In Wednesday's issue of the Telegram a reporter's item made known the fact that a deputation of returned soldiers called on Minister of Public Works Jennings on Tuesday of the present week, and demanded that a number of civil servants should be summarily dismissed forthwith, their positions to be filled by men who had been overseas, during the war. The answer of the Minister to this demand was only such an one as could be expected, and he very promptly turned it down. A similar demand was made on another departmental head, the reply in this instance being the same. Mr. Jennings was very outspoken. He characterised the attitude of the deputation as being "outrageous." The Minister of Shipping, we presume, was equally uncompromising. The caption given by the Telegram to this item, aroused the ire of some of the men involved, as also did the subject matter itself. In order therefore to make sure of its accuracy, an appointment was arranged with the Prime Minister, and the result of the interview occupied over a column of space in yesterday's paper. Sir Richard Squires not only substantiated that which our reporter had written on Wednesday, but went further and amplified the demands made by the deputation, giving in the fullest detail the expression of the wishes of its members with regard to the instant removal from the civil service of officials who had held positions for years, and their replacement by ex-soldiers. The Prime Minister even went further and furnished the names of some of those whose heads were asked, promising that, if necessary, he would supply the whole correspondence touching this matter. According to the Dominion Secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association of Newfoundland, there are some eighty returned men unemployed, and these Sir Richard Squires promised to look after and if at all possible, find them positions, but he would not nor could not dismiss long service or any officials from the departments under the Government in order to make place for any person. A position which, we take it, is perfectly just and tenable. That returned men have prior claims on vacant positions everyone will agree. That they should be given the first chance of a position suitable to the capabilities of the individual none will deny. But a peremptory demand that a number of Government employees be turned adrift to make place for others is, as Mr. Jennings characterised it, outrageous and unheard of. The Telegram has never withdrawn its support from either the soldiers or the sailors. It has ever been insistent that they receive the reasonable reward of their services during the war. Time and again it has championed their cause, when it appeared that their claims were neglected or overlooked. We have freely given our space to the requests of returned men of both branches of the service

that they may have opportunity to ventilate their grievances and make known their wants. In every way we have endeavored to further their interests, and will continue to do so, but we cannot nor will not uphold them in any unreasonable demand or one calculated to bring injury or suffering upon others. So far as we have gone, we have nothing to take back or retract. Our initial statement of a fact has been supported by the highest official in the land—the Prime Minister, and we have given publicity to an interview specially had with him yesterday, so that the public may have access to all the features of the case under discussion.

## Ancient Marine History.

THE MYSTERY OF THE D. V. CHIPMAN.

We thank Mr. A. H. O'Keefe, 3 Williams Street for the following contributions to local marine history of years gone by. Referring to the lost of the bark D. V. Chipman on December 1st, 1876, at Witless Bay, noted in Telegram yesterday. Mr. O'Keefe supplies us with the following extracts from that very new journal of the latter part of the 19th century the Morning Chronicle:

"December 5, 1876.—The hull and cargo of the bark D. V. Chipman were sold by public auction at the Commercial Rooms, yesterday, when the ship realized £410 and the cargo £720. The purchasers were Messrs. Dyer, Greene, Foran and Saunders. We admire their pluck and hope they may come out of the transaction unscathed." "February 11, 1877.—On Thursday, a little after noon, the bark D. V. Chipman, gaily dressed in bunting, was towed into St. John's by the steam tug Cabot (side wheeler—Editor Telegram) and Hercules. On Tuesday evening last the ship was floated by means of tanks at Witless Bay, where she had gone ashore, and towed thence to Bay Bulls by S.S. Hercules. The ship was moved there till was permitted the steamer to bring her to St. John's. She now lies at anchor in our harbor, and is a fine, state-of-the-art looking craft. She has on board about 200 tons copper ore. On examination there has been found no single flaw or defect in the hull of the vessel, save about a dozen auster holes bored from the inside, no doubt with the benevolent intention of giving the ship a means of exit, or with the prudent aim of letting out any water that might happen to be in the hold beyond the reach of the pumps. Great credit is due to Mr. Saunders for his skill and perseverance in getting off the ship, and Messrs. Dyer, Foran and Company have shown that pluck and spirit of adventure which deserves the simplest recognition and success." "Reduced to plain, cold, brutal facts, according to the above the D. V. Chipman was deliberately and cold bloodedly scuttled. Thus another marine mystery is cleared up.—Editor Telegram."

If you haven't had the opportunity of seeing it why not take in the Deacon Dubbs matinee to-morrow. Front row is reserved, at the Royal Stationery.

## L. C. A. S. Sale Concluded

A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

The results of the L.C.A.S. sale have exceeded all expectations, as the proceeds have reached the large total of \$3,000. The sale, which was in aid of the Methodist College, opened on Wednesday afternoon, and was brought to an end last night with an excellent concert. Throughout the afternoon the Hall was filled with people, and all the stalls were so exceedingly well patronized that by the time tea was served very little remained unsold. A large number of people dropped in for tea, and the ladies in attendance on the various tables were kept very busy. The concert began shortly after 8 p.m. and was greatly enjoyed by all present. The programme was as follows:

Piano Duet—Miss Oates and W. Lee.  
Song—Mr. Karl Trappell.  
Song—Mr. W. Tucker.  
Song—Miss Elsie Herder.  
Song—Mr. H. H. Foster.  
Recitation—Miss Estelle Barnes.  
Song—Mrs. C. F. Garland.  
Song—Mrs. Lloyd Woods.  
Song—Mrs. Gordon Christian.  
Song—Mr. H. Courtney.

At the conclusion of the concert Rev. T. B. Darby thanked all who had patronized the sale. The Ladies of the College Aid Society should feel gratified at the splendid success which has attended their arduous efforts.

10 CENTS will give the kiddies something to talk about until Santa comes. Deacon Dubbs matinee to-morrow.

## From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.  
CAPE RACE, To-day.  
Wind north, fresh; weather dull and hazy; the steamer Fortis passed west at 3.15 a.m.; Bar, 29.45; Ther, 38.

the prime minister contradicted...

## EX-SERVICE MEN SAY SIR RICHARD EXAGGERATED.

Dear Sir,—We call to your attention the grave misrepresentation of facts which you published in your issue of yesterday under the heading "Actual Facts." Those so-called facts are exaggerated in some cases and are absolutely false in others. The impression to be gained from a perusal of this report would be that the unemployed ex-service men's committee demanded the immediate dismissal of 25% of one quarter of the entire civil service, and the positions vacated be filled by returned men. This assertion is absolutely false and certainly does not redound to the credit of the person responsible for making such a statement. Such a request would be ridiculous, in itself as we have but 8 men registered who are fitted for positions where education above the average is necessary. The request of the unemployed ex-service men was that positions where unskilled labor is employed, and which have been filled by men who never served, and who have been appointed since the war, that it was only reasonable to award a fair percentage of such jobs to married ex-service men who may be capable of filling them. There was no talk of a 25% dismissal of all Government officials. To show how false this has been misinterpreted, and the justifiable propaganda used against unemployed veterans, it is only necessary to quote the case of one Government Department which unemployed 2 unskilled men. Our request was that two married ex-service men be placed in those jobs. In this the Prime Minister drew our attention to this request and said it was a request for a dismissal equaling 100%. Any person can readily understand that such is not the case, as such a dismissal would be but a small fraction of one per cent. It is true that a request was made in connection with longshore work on Government ships, and that as many returned men be employed on this work as was possible. It is not very helpful to have unemployed ex-service men so misquoted before the public. Many of them have been unemployed for months and are in absolute distress. Investigation has proven this and relief is being issued to the most needy cases. Those men but ask that employment be provided for them so that they may maintain their families. They suffered hardships during the war, when conditions in St. John's were so prosperous and no want was felt. Now that they have returned home they have to undergo hardships greater if any than they experienced during the war. Ex-service men are as one in their desire to overcome the prejudice of employers against returned men, and if employment is found they are determined to play the game as they did the greater game during the war. All they ask is that a square deal be given them in their desire to get work, so as to enable them to live in a country for which they fought. Many of the public are no doubt under the impression that a demand was made for the wholesale dismissal of 25% of Government officials, particularly in view of the Prime Minister's statement in which he says that we demanded the dismissal of his Secretary and his Deputy. Now any sane thinking person knows that this is ridiculous and no such demand was made. With so much unemployment amongst the ex-service men of St. John's it is only reasonable and a duty to be expected of the Government, in that they will give every consideration to returned men in filling positions, also that employment be found. God fearing people of this city have nothing to fear from the unemployed ex-service men. Many of them are face to face with starvation and they only ask that a square deal be given them. Now Mr. Editor, those are the actual facts and we regret that there should have been a necessity to have repudiated them, but we appeal to the common sense of the Public to judge for themselves. If we are justified in asking that a living be granted the men who came back.

## Judge's Pronouncement.

No More Coasting On City Hills.

In the Magistrate's Court this morning, Judge Morris took advantage of the first case of "coasting" to be brought before him for the season, to address a warning to parents, and to all who go in for this winter amusement. The case was that of a young boy who had been summoned for coasting on Prescott Street. The father of the accused appeared to answer the charge. A police witness said the boy had told him his name was James O'Brien, but this was afterwards found to be incorrect. His Honor: "I suppose he has no aspiration for municipal honors." In commenting on the case, the Judge said that whilst it might seem hard or harsh for constables to arrest boys for sliding, still they had been given all possible latitude consistent with the safety of themselves and pedestrians. Boys, at times, run great risks when coasting and it was dangerous to permit it to continue. If boys wanted to slide they should go on outside hills such as Falk's Hill and Robinson's Hill. He advised all parents to prevent their children from sliding on city hills.

## Sagana Delayed.

S.S. Sagana was prevented from leaving North Sydney until 6 a.m. today, by a storm which was raging in the Cabot Strait. The seas are very high and the ship will undoubtedly have a stormy passage. She is expected to arrive at Port aux Basques between 8 and 9 o'clock to-night. An express is waiting at Port aux Basques for the Sagana's mails and passengers, and will leave there shortly after the steamer's arrival.

## Stowaways Sent Down.

SCHOONER OWNER WILL BE PROSECUTED.

Two young Spaniards who stowed away in Mr. Jerry Pettit's schooner "The Effie May" and were sent on to town, appeared before Judge Morris this morning. The Inspector General said that the accused had been landed at English Harbor near St. Jacques and had been given \$20 by the captain of the schooner to bring them on to town. The schooner was at sea at present, and the captain could not be prosecuted for landing the accused, by which he had infringed the law. Both the owner and captain of the vessel would be prosecuted later. In the meantime, the Poor Commissioner refused to have anything to do with the men's story and repeated it to the court. They were remanded to the Penitentiary and will later be sent to their homes in Spain.

## Throws Blame on Wife.

A man charged before Judge Morris this morning with being drunk and disorderly in his own home, said that his wife, who had given him in charge, was demented, and he had papers from a magistrate and doctor to prove it. A police witness said he was called to the house of accused by two children and there found him slightly under the influence of drink. There was broken crockery on the floor. His wife told witnesses to take accused away. In giving his evidence, the prisoner said that his wife had broken the furniture. His Honor advised him to have her examined again by a doctor.

R. J. PURCELL,  
Chairman Ex-Services Men's Committee  
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## Gets Red Cross Decoration.

Yesterday afternoon His Excellency the Governor formally presented Miss Daisy Stirling, V.A.D., with the Royal Red Cross decoration. The ceremony took place at Government House and was attended by Sir Wm. and Lady Horwood, Dr. and Mrs. Macpherson, W. R. Stirling, Esq., Mrs. Weston Stirling, Capt. Saltmarsh, A.D.C. His Excellency congratulated Miss Stirling on the high honor conferred upon her and also on the fact that she is the first to receive the cross in Newfoundland. A cross has also arrived for Nurse Mahoney (now Mrs. Baker), who is residing in Boston, Mass. Two other nurses have also been awarded this decoration, and when the crosses arrive the presentation will take place. Miss Stirling is a daughter of Mr. W. R. Stirling, chief statistical clerk at the Customs, and sister of Rev. A. B. Stirling, Rector of St. Mary's, H. W. Stirling, L.R.C.M., Mr. Fred Stirling, of the Colonial Secretary's Dept., and Mr. Weston Stirling. Congratulations.

Tweedie Boot Tops at half price at SMALLWOOD'S, The Glove Fitting Sal. —nov25,tf

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